

NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER - SOLICITATION # NNA12451143

CONFORMAL ABLATIVE TPS MANUFACTURING SCALE-UP

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – SET 1

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Q1) SOW Section 1.2. Is the processing temperature up to 200°F or 200°C?

A1) Up to 200°C is the final temperature needed.

Q2) SOW Section 1.3.2. The delivery date of mid-April 2013 for the MDU sections appears to be aggressive. Can this delivery date be moved to the right?

A2) The delivery date in the SOW will be revised to May 31, 2013.

Q3) In the final RFP, can NASA please make the drawings larger? The dimensions are not legible (even if blown up on the screen).

A3) Drawings will be provided as a separate PDF document with the RFP.

Q4) Can we obtain a small sample so we can see how it machines?

A4) Samples are not available, but the material machines as easily as PICA.

Q5) Is it possible to visit NASA Ames to see the NASA lab equipment?

A5) No, on-site visits to NASA ARC to tour facilities are not possible, as NASA would need to permit all vendors such access. In addition, the NASA equipment is only one approach, and vendors can propose to use other approaches that might be better than NASA's.

Q6) SOW Section 1.1, page 2: *“For the purpose of this RFP, a generalized overview of the process to be scaled-up can be obtained by request; release is subject to approval by NASA.”* We would like to request a copy of the “Overview” at this time.

A6) Reference to a separate process document was removed from the SOW because the pertinent process information will be included with the RFP.